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EDITORIAL NOTES

ENGLAND needs Fred Funston in South Africa a good deal worse than she needs a new brigade.

GERMAN newspapers are talking jubilantly about the "decadence" of Great Britain. They better wait awhile. England hasn't begun to fight yet.

BILLY MORGAN thinks that the next time Uncle Sam raps the gavel, the Filipinos will come to order and make their motion in due parliamentary form.

THE mints of the United States coined nearly thirty million dollars of silver last year which shows among other things what an enemy to silver the Republican party is.

ONE of the things that will add to the good cheer of Christmas is the fact that the Twentieth Kansas row lasted so short a time and has been over so long that it is forgotten.

It is estimated that 25,000 people lost their lives in a tidal wave which swept over one of the islands of the Molucca group the other day. It is hard to realize a wholesale calamity like that.

A good many people think property is high in Iola now. Within six months those same people will look back at the prices that prevailed at this time and wish they had invested when property was cheap.

J. W. WEATHERS, late candidate for commissioner in Kingman, takes the chances of going to the penitentiary by swearing in his statement of election expenses that he spent 25 cents for cigars and \$1.00 for drinks.

THE New England cotton mills have voluntarily advanced the wages of their employees ten per cent. Seventy-five thousand operatives are affected by the advance, the amount of which will aggregate nearly six million dollars a year.

It is reported from Washington that Senator Baker has held up Burton's Indian job. Which is only saying that he is human and doesn't see any particular reason why he should send reinforcements to his enemy.

THE volume of National bank notes is one hundred million dollars less than it was thirty years ago. Which is pretty good proof that there was considerable moonshine about the old Populist argument that the National banks were making oodles of money off their circulation.

SOME poor fellow up in Iowa, who called himself an expert mathematician, has gone crazy trying to figure out when the Twentieth century begins. The local editor of this paper figured it out in his head in five minutes the other day, and mathematics isn't his long suit either.

ROOTH TARKINGTON, whose "Gentleman from Indiana" made such a hit, has a new story in McClure's and it starts out all right. In the first installment the hero leaps from the position of a gambling barber to that of a duke, wins the reigning beauty, fights three duels and has a pitched battle with six highwaymen. A record like that bids "The Three Musketeers" look to its laurels.

THERE is something pathetic once in awhile in the irony of events. For example, the House of Representatives on Monday passed the bill officially and finally establishing the gold standard as the basis of the financial system of this country, and then adjourned out of respect to the memory of "Silver Dick" Bland who had spent the best years of his life fighting the gold standard.

SENATOR BAKER has been made chairman of the civil service committee of the Senate, a position which, politically, is more important than any other with the single exception of the chairmanship of the ways and means committee. The chairman of the Senate civil service committee is brought into contact with the President and all of the cabinet and other heads of departments as there are ever questions to be settled touching the rule upon which hinge nearly all of the appointive places and of salaries. Of necessity the head of this committee must be a lawyer and a good one. Unquestionably our Kansas Senator is not failing to appreciate the honor will hold the position down with entire satisfaction to the Republican majority of the Senate.

THE DEATH OF GENERAL LAWTON.

To every American who has followed with care the reports of the campaign in the Philippines, the death of General Lawton will bring a shock of regret and almost a sense of personal loss.

General Lawton was in nearly every respect an ideal American soldier.

Daring and dauntless, a dynamo of energy, tireless of body, tenacious of purpose, having no other thought when in the field than to get after the enemy and keep after him, yet prudent and skillful in the handling of men, well learned in the art and the science of war. For thirty-eight years he has worn the uniform of his country and during all those years where the duty was most dangerous and the toll the most arduous there he has delighted to be.

He lived the life of a soldier and he died a soldier's death. God rest his soul.

By the way, it has been several days since the knockers have had anything to say about the feebleness and incapacity and lack of energy of Major General Otis, commanding the American forces in the Philippines. It is doubtful if even Fred Funston would have put more dash and vigor and persistence and energy into the Luzon campaign than has been exhibited there since the rains ceased.

THE desertion of nearly five thousand troops from the British standard and their enlistment in the Boer ranks, is a more serious portent to England than the defeat of Methuen and Gatacre and Bullen. If the Cape Colony Dutch should take it into their heads to enter into an active alliance with their kinsmen beyond the Vaal England's trouble would be more than doubled.

K. G. Star: A communication to the New York Sun calls attention to the fact that the First Maine heavy artillery lost 75 per cent of its men, in the assault on Petersburg. At Antietam the First Texas lost 82 per cent during the day's fighting. On July 2, 1863 the First Minnesota charged at Gettysburg. The regiment was already reduced to 292 officers and men. Of these, in that charge, seventy-five were killed and 140 were wounded. There were many instances of the destruction of almost entire regiments in battle during the civil war.

GOV. STANLEY has been around the State House long enough to know that there are a lot of clerks in all the offices there who have nothing to do, and he is honest enough and brave enough to say so. There are no doubt a few days in each two years, when he legislature is in session, when all the clerks in all the offices, are comparatively busy. But for the remaining twenty-two months of their two years a considerable portion of them put in most of their time killing time. They could be let out just as well as not and they never would be missed.

A SPECIAL correspondent of the Topeka Capital declares that Cyeland is such a terror to the people of Doniphan county that judges and juries and even attorneys do not dare to cross his will, fearing that they will either be driven out of the county or put in jail. That may be all right in Doniphan county. But wouldn't you like to see your Uncle Cyrus or any other man try that sort of a game in Allen county? He would last just about as long as the traditional snow ball in hader.

Leavenworth Times: Governor Stanley is right about the boys who go into the Reform school. To treat them as incorrigible criminals is unwise and inhuman. Some of them, as experience shows, are the victims of bad and careless parents. Some are purposely driven into the Reform school by such parents. The Governor's plan is to find homes for these found trustworthy. And every youth in a Reform school should be taught a trade. The next legislature should see that an industrial department is established in each Reform school.

FROM the later reports that have come in of the battle at Magersfontein it appears that the British force marched in a solid column right up to the Boer trenches without discovering them, the first intimation they had of the presence of the enemy being a deadly volley poured into them from a distance of only two hundred yards. Can anybody imagine an American army walking into such a trap as that? The precaution of having scouts out ahead of the main column, is so simple and obvious a one that no American soldier would overlook it. And yet it appears that Gen. Methuen sent his whole force out against what he knew to be a wily foe, with no more precaution against a surprise than he would have taken on his English parade ground. At this distance and with the common knowledge of American army tactics it seems like an unpardonable blunder.

SOME people who claim to know say that corn will be worth fifty cents a bushel by next May.

ENGLAND IS MISTRESS YET.

With Irish troops on their way to the Transvaal throwing their guns into the river and hurrahing for Krueger, with a great mob of Irishmen marching through the streets of Dublin, waving the Boer flag and singing "We'll hang Joe Chamberlain on a sour apple tree," with all northern Natal in rebellion, with Australian parliaments passing resolutions that they will not send troops to help conquer the Boers, with Cape Colony troops going over, bag and baggage, to the enemy, with three garrisons closely besieged and the rescuing columns repulsed and in grave danger of capture or annihilation, poor old Mother England surely looks out today upon a gloomy prospect.

But they forget who imagine that England may be daunted or dismayed by all these reverses. There was another time like this a long while ago, which "Ouida" told the story of in a few lines that it is well to recall now:

AS SHERMAN WOULD HAVE DONE IT

Lord Buller tried to force the crossing of the Tugela river by rushing at the Boers as a bull dog goes at a hog—straight ahead, with his eyes shut. And the result is that he loses his artillery and a thousand of his men.

Old soldiers in this country are recalling the way General Sherman crossed the Tennessee river, three-quarters of a mile wide and running like a mill race, in the face of Hood's army at Chattanooga. How he made a great show of forcing a crossing at one place and then one dark night suddenly flung a bridge of boats across the torrent at another place and when the mists cleared away in the morning showed to the astonished Confederates a whole army corps, stretched along the Lookout side of the river and safely entrenched. Sherman wouldn't have lost any guns at the Tugela river—and he would have crossed the river.

Sherman fired a bigger and a better army and a wiser commander all the way from Atlanta to the Sea than either Buller or Methuen or Gatacre had before him and he never lost a battle. And it was because he was a soldier as well as a fighter.

England would have done well to have been instructing some of her commanders these past twenty years in the art of war as illustrated by some of the campaigns in the American Civil War.

THE NEW CURRENCY BILL.

THE new currency bill which passed the House Monday with forty votes to spare, fourteen Democrats being counted among its supporters, does not retire the greenbacks, as many suppose but it does provide that when once in the treasury they shall not be drawn out except in exchange for gold. This is simply getting back to first principles and putting a stop to the endless chain business. The original design of the greenbacks was to bring gold into the treasury, not to take gold out. The new bill makes provision for carrying that design into effect. There will be no more riding of the gold reserve as there was in the Cleveland administration through means of the greenbacks; and on the other hand there will be no contraction of the currency, for the people would rather have greenbacks than gold for their ordinary transactions, and will gladly leave the gold in the treasury while they do business with the greenbacks.

The new bill also meets the demand for an increase in the issue of subsidiary coins from \$50,000,000, the amount allowed by the present law, to \$150,000,000, an increase that will contribute very greatly to the convenience of the people.

The bill further provides for an increased use of silver by reserving to that metal the entire circulating medium of the country in denominations of under ten dollars. It does this by providing that no more gold five dollar pieces shall be coined, and that no bills of less denomination than ten dollars shall be issued except silver certificates.

The bill further extends the possibility of enlarging the volume of the currency by permitting the national banks to issue circulation to the par value of bonds deposited for their security. This will increase the circulation at over 3,000 different points in this country. This would also allow an increase of nearly \$30,000,000 on the bonds deposited on July 1, 1899. The bonds are abundant security at their par value, and there can be no reason why the increased circulation should not be allowed.

The bill is very long, but the foregoing summary gives a fair idea of its provisions, and is sufficient to indicate that it is a measure designed to give this country not only a staple currency, not subject to the fluctuations of changing markets or varying commercial conditions, but also an abundant and flexible currency, responding automatically to the demands of trade and ample at all times to transact the business of the country. The money question is settled.

Money to loan on city property, Bostwick & Acers.

No Danger of Epidemic.

A number of people have requested that the public schools be closed this week for fear of an epidemic of scarlet fever, but the board has carefully investigated and is on the alert to discover any signs that an epidemic is threatened. There has been several cases in town, but they are isolated, and all have recovered as quickly as could be expected. The last case is that of Miss Ruth Hull, and Dr. Fulton reports that she is doing nicely. The impression has got abroad that every other house had its patient. Dr. Fulton informs the REGISTER that at present there seems to be no cause whatever for worry. The schools close this week and during holiday all danger of an epidemic spreading at school ought to have disappeared.

A New Grocery Firm.

E. C. Essee and Aldo Funston have been figuring for some time on buying out one of the local grocery firms but having failed to reach any agreement that satisfied all parties, they have decided to start a new store. For this purpose they have rented the room in the Acers building now occupied by Joe Rosenberg, who goes to the McClain building soon to be vacated by Messrs. Morrison & Gillham. Mr. Rosenberg will move about the first of January and then Messrs. Essee and Funston will have their opening with a new stock of groceries. Mr. Essee is an old and popular merchant in Iola and Aldo Funston is widely acquainted and the two will make a strong firm. The REGISTER wishes the new firm success.

Wanted, corn, 28c at Miller's mill.

Bitten by a Dog.

Little Minnie Gibbs, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibbs, of East Lincoln street, was bitten by the family dog, Wednesday and the fore-arm badly lacerated.

The child was playing with the dog, when he became vexed and sprang at her, tearing the flesh cruelly. The same dog not long since bit another member of the family, and he will now be killed.

Dr. Fulton was called and dressed the wound and he thinks no serious consequences will follow, although he advises that the dog be allowed to live a few days until it could be shown clearly whether there was any danger of rabies.

Wanted, corn, oats and Kafir corn at Miller's mill.

A Great Achievement.

Rev. A. S. Freed on Tuesday of this week lifted the last \$200 note off the improvements and floating debt on the M. E. church. The exact amount of the debt that has been liquidated in the last year and a half, which is over \$200, will be published next week. This clears this handsome church of all indebtedness except the Church Extension Loan. The pastor and trustees and members extend their profound thanks to all persons, who have so kindly aided in this work. Pittsburgh Tribune.

Mr. Freed's Iola friends congratulate him on the successful completion of the task to which he has devoted so much of his energy during the past year. Congratulations are particularly due to the Church which is so fortunate as to have him for its pastor.

A woman wants a man for a husband, one with life, energy, courage. "Girls if you get one without these good qualities, give him Rocky Mountain Tea. 'T will do the business.'" Ask your Druggist.

Wholesale Turkey Pulling.

A reporter for the REGISTER happened into the Iola Creamery Tuesday and Mr. Dudley, who runs a poultry business in connection, invited him to see what was being done in the holiday meat line. Out at the pens ten crates of fat turkeys were being unloaded into a pen which already held hundreds of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. The turkeys, being strangers, were fighting all over the pen, boxing with their wings for all the world like prize fighters, and picking and choking each other. It is a most laughable sight. Then the reporter followed his guide up to the third floor where ten colored boys under the direction of Jonas Carter were plucking the feathers from as many turkeys, which were suspended by their legs from poles. The birds are killed by cutting an artery in their necks and then quickly stripped. In another room were nearly 300 dressed, undressed, ranging in weight from fifteen to twenty and thirty pounds. Mr. Dudley stated that this rush has been going on for some time, about 200 birds being shipped daily. Think of a ton of turkey or of geese or of chickens!

Wanted, corn, oats and Kafir corn at Miller's mill.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. C. B. Spencer.

Elmore Enterprise: Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6 o'clock p. m., Miss Nellie Cline, of Pottawatomie, Kansas, and M. L. Decker, Jr., of this place, were quietly married at the residence of Rev. White, Presiding elder, of the North-eastern district of the M. E. church South, in Atchison, Kansas.

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